



## Ringgold County 4-H News

March 2009

### Important Dates to Remember:

March 7<sup>th</sup>: Clover Kids 4H meeting from 9:00–10:00 am @ Extension office

March 8<sup>th</sup>: County Council meeting @ 7:00 pm @ Extension office

March 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>: 4H Safety & Education of Shooting Sports instructor training @ Iowa 4-H Center

March 29<sup>th</sup>: Area Recognition interviews @ Murray

March 30<sup>th</sup>: 4H Leader Training @ 7:00 pm @ Extension office

March 31<sup>st</sup>: Swine Graphic pigs order deadline—contact Extension office (more details in newsletter)

April 4<sup>th</sup>: Clover Kids 4H meeting from 9:00–10:00 am @ Extension office

April 24<sup>th</sup>: 4H/FFA Market Sheep/Meat Goat Weigh-In @ 4:00 pm @ Fairgrounds

April 30<sup>th</sup>: All **SWINE** must be in possession and ear-tagged by this day (throughout April--contact Dawn to set date & time for farm visit)

May 2<sup>nd</sup>: Clover Kids 4H meeting from 9:00–10:00 am @ Extension office

May 6<sup>th</sup>: Food Safety & Quality Assurance (FSQA) training @ 7:00 @ Extension office (more details to come)

May 15<sup>th</sup>: Livestock ID forms due to Extension office (forms will be sent in the 4H'er Fair Book in April)—breeding beef, dog, horse, breeding/dairy goats, breeding sheep

May 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>: Beef Grooming Clinic @ Fairgrounds (specific details will be sent to those signed up to attend at a later date)

July 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>: Ringgold County Fair

August 13<sup>th</sup>–23<sup>rd</sup>: Iowa State Fair

# County Tidbits

## **Volunteer Club Leader Training—**

What is a **vibrant** 4-H Club? Vibrant 4-H clubs are made up of a group of characteristics known as "best practices." Iowa 4-H volunteers will explore these best practices of utilizing club committees to support youth in having fun, friends, voice and choice in their club experience.

This training module is part of the statewide 4-H organizational and project volunteer leader training. Our spring volunteer training will be held on Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the Extension office. Be a part of this statewide 4-H volunteer training that is designed to support organizational and project leader's abilities to strengthen their clubs. .

The best part of participating in face-to-face leader training is interaction and sharing between leaders. If you are not able to attend the training, contact the extension office to learn more about on-line training participation.

## **Swine Project Opportunity—**

Once again Swine Graphics has agreed to provide swine to 4-H'ers that are interested in exhibiting swine at the 2009 Ringgold County Fair.

Swine Graphics will provide each 4-H'er a maximum of 4 pigs at a minimal cost—paid up front when you get the pigs OR after you've sold them at the county fair. They will already be vaccinated prior to them being delivered to you.

Interested 4-H'ers must be able to assure us that they have an adequate facility and feed supply for the swine, will take care of the swine until fair time, and that they WILL BE exhibited at the 2009 Ringgold County Fair.

If you are interested in participating in this program, please contact the Extension Office @ 464-3333 by Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>.

# Area Tidbits

## **New Techniques in Home Improvement—Eco Friendly Home Décor—**

Furniture from repurposed wood, rugs from recycled tires, bed linens from corn—all are part of the "green" movement sweeping the nation towards eco-friendly home décor. It also opens the door to creative 4-H project work. Lois Warme, Iowa State University Design Specialist, will be presenting a hands on workshop Saturday, March 28 at 1:00 pm to help 4-H members "think green" when choosing 4-H exhibits. Whether it is learning the latest techniques for refinishing furniture, painting walls, or initiating community service projects to protect the environment you will learn how to make your family's home environmentally friendly and safely designed. Potential judges should be encouraged to attend in addition to leaders, parents and volunteers.

Please register to attend by contacting Union County Extension (641-782-8426 or [jpurdy@iastate.edu](mailto:jpurdy@iastate.edu)) before March 24, 2009. There is no charge.

## **2009 Area 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade 4-H Camp-- June 14-17**

Take a ride on the "WILD" side and mark on your calendars to attend Southwest Iowa's 4-H 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Junior Camp, June 14-17, at the Iowa 4-H Camping Center near Madrid, Iowa. Experience the adventure and excitement of four days filled with 4-H camp traditions and favorite activities, including nature hikes, creek stomping, wall climbing, canoeing, camp songs, swimming, outdoor camping basics, and campfires! Learn to create cool crafts that work great as 4-H working exhibits. Bring a friend with you or make new ones! Camp will run from Sunday, June 14 at 3 p.m. until our closing ceremony at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, June 17.

4-H camps are open to ALL YOUTH - membership in a 4-H club is not a requirement - so bring a friend to share the experience! Area 4-H Junior camp is open to all Southwest Iowa youth who have completed grades 5 and 6 and will be held in Birch Village. The camp will be filled at 100 youth, so you will want to

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register early before it fills up. Registration, Parental Permission and Request for providing Medication at a 4-H Event form (if your camper will be bringing any medications with them) are available from the county extension office or downloaded from <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/harrison/news/2009jrcamp.htm> in Microsoft Word and Adobe PDF format. We will be using your Medical form filled out at the beginning of the 4-H Year provided to us by your county extension office. Please make sure you have it updated if needed. If you are not a current 4-H'er, you will need to fill out a Medical Info form found also at the Jr Camp Website above or from your ISU County Extension Office. Registration Deadline is May 29. Camp Registration is \$130 for the fun packed four days and three nights. Check with your County Extension office for camp scholarships or financial help if needed. Please contact David Seilstad, phone: 712/644-2105 or email: [seilstad@iastate.edu](mailto:seilstad@iastate.edu) if you have any questions on this camp or others offered at the Iowa 4-H Camping center: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4hcenter/summerncamp/index.php>

## State Tidbits

### NEW Iowa 4H Logo Design—



Initially, 4-H youth identified that the splash design was outdated and they wanted a new look for 4-H. In evaluating designs we focused on simplicity, visual appeal, reproducibility, as well as inclusion of the clover and Iowa. A request for entries was sent in February 2008, but the logos we received were not high enough quality to replace the current design. From that point several focus groups were conducted with youth and multiple designs were developed. Twenty randomly selected counties were asked to present four options to their staff, youth and volunteers for input. Upon receiving that feedback, a design was selected and modified slightly.

### 2009 4H State Summer Camps— more info at [www.iowa4hcamp.com/summerncamp](http://www.iowa4hcamp.com/summerncamp)

- Twelve new camps for 2009!
- Discounts available for 4-H members, siblings, and early-registrations.
- Camp registrations must be postmarked by April 1 to receive the early registration discount.
- Financial aid forms for Iowa 4-H Foundation scholarships are due to county extension offices by May 1.

### New Camps for 2009!

- Secret Agents (Ages 7-9) solve mysteries, explore, find clues, hidden treasures, & surprises
- Inside Out Camp (Ages 7-9) sleep inside a lodge one night and sleep under the stars or in tents another night
- Rail Camp (Ages 9-12) explore the Kate Shelly historical site and ride the Boone and Scenic Valley Railroad
- Short Creativity Camp (Ages 9-12) combination art & drama - art show & short play performance
- First Iowans Camp (Ages 10-12) Native American sites, flint knapping, archery, pottery, and local museums
- High Adventure (Ages 10-12) Three hours daily on our climbing tower, zip line, and high ropes course
- Military Heritage Camp (Ages 10-13) historic uniforms, weapons, artifacts, and tactics from Iowa's past wars
- Splash Camp (Ages 10-14) swimming, creek walks, pool slide, slip 'n slide, snorkeling, and kayaking

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- Sports Zone (Ages 11-13) basketball, sand volleyball, soccer, kickball, ultimate Frisbee, international sports, tips on healthy living, good nutrition, and sportsmanship. Also tour the ISU athletic department
- Archeology Camp (Ages 11-14) explore areas of cultural activity to find new sites, get basic museum cataloguing skills, learn about artifacts types found in the area, talk about American Indian burial grounds
- Express Yourself (Ages 12-14) paint, draw, act, sing, and have lots of fun with other creative camp friends. Plus visit the Des Moines Art Center, ISU College of Design, and the ISU theater department
- Dad & Me Camp for dads (or grandpas or uncles, etc.) and their sons/daughters ages 6-11

#### 4H Discount Event Tickets–

- Iowa State Center and Wells Fargo continually offer 4H discounted ticket prices. Find out about upcoming events at: <http://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/>
- **4H Night with the Iowa Barnstormers:** Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> @ 7:05 pm  
Join fellow 4H members from clubs across the state for a great night with the Iowa Barnstormers. As a member, you and your club can purchase tickets for your friends and family to the Peoria game for as low as \$10 a seat. Ticket order forms are available at the Extension office or call 515-564-8454 to reserve your seats today. For more information, contact Grant Young at [gyoung@theiowabarnstormers.com](mailto:gyoung@theiowabarnstormers.com)

## Other Tidbits

#### 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Clarke County Classic Youth Rabbit Show–

May 2<sup>nd</sup> is the date set for the Clarke County Classic Youth Rabbit Show in Osceola. The show is open to all youth under age 19. There will be classes for breed rabbits, meat pen, single fryer and roaster. Entry fee is \$2 per class and entries are due to the Clarke County Extension office by April 24<sup>th</sup>. Entry forms are available at our local Extension office.

There will also be workshops on rabbit carriers, tattooing, care and housing. Pre-registration is required for the carrier workshop (cost of materials is: 10x16 = \$18/each; 12x24 = \$25 each). For more information contact show superintendent Vance Vestweber at 641-443-2311 or Frank Gale at 641-782-2998.

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